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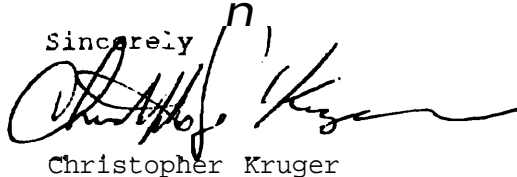
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Dear Sir,

In reference to the reflagging of the whole of the United States LNG fleet to the Marshall Islands, I am bitterly opposed. I am concerned that America is losing good jobs and the tax revenue these ships, there American crews, American suppliers and American contractors pay to the US government. These ships are and will continue to be in the Far East trade providing a service to Japan, which helps keep our lopsided balance of trade from growing even larger.

Another concern of mine is the integrity of present manager:: of this fleet. ProNav and the people they front for at best are conveniently honest. They state they want to keep American jobs but it is well known within the industry that their ultimate goal is to use the cheapest foreign labor that can operate the ships. If Marad allows the reflagging, at the very least it should be sure an escrow account is set up to cover all money due upon transfer to a foreign registry. Once transferred, the jurisdiction of our court system leaves with the flag.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Kruger", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher Kruger